

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows:

Going North—7:25 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 4:05 p. m.
Going South—6:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:45 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Warwick, Coalition and Barville 9:30 a. m., and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 18, 1908.

Local News

FOR RENT—Dwelling on Green street. Apply to N. J. Williams.
Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Dentist, Middletown, Del. Phone 18.
Don't miss attending our big sale on goods next week.

HORSE SHOEING—Plain 75c cash Satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. GREEN.

FOR RENT—Stable, West Main street, occupied by Harry W. Richards. G. E. HICKEL.

FOR RENT—House and stable, East Main St. Occupied by J. S. Price (Tea man). Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Dentist, Middletown, Del. Phone 18.

Best cotton, 5c. Cacao corsets and other good makes in dollar goods, sell at 50c here. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

We have just received 50 gross of pearl buttons, regular price 10c. do. to be sold for 5c. while they last. A. FOZT.

Dr. M. B. Burton, Eye Specialist and Optician. Eyes examined free. All work guaranteed. East Main St., Middletown.

A New Sewing Machine will be sold for the want of one. Apply to J. F. McWHORTON.

Big Bargain Sale—2000 pieces to put on sale next Monday, at 5c. in dishes, glassware, enamelware and other goods. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

WANTED—For cash. All kinds of United States Postage and Revenue stamps. H. D. HOWELL.

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown. Phone 18.

Call in and see the man and can't understand why you are making and leave your orders for any you would like to have made. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 9th: Mr. Fred Buck.

"Do you want to get a good dress free? We can tell you how. Answer this 'Ad' asking for samples. Economy Furnishing Co., 855 Elliott Square, Buffalo, N. Y.

SALESMEN WANTED to look after our interest in New Castle and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission. Address LINCOLN OIL CO., Cleveland, O.

FOR RENT—House and stable in Odessa, recently vacated by F. H. Davis, opposite the blacksmith shop. Will be rented either together or separately. Large stable and garden. Possession at once. Apply to DANIEL CORBITT.

The bonded indebtedness of Appoquinimink Hundred was cleared up by the passage by the Levy Court on Tuesday of a resolution to pay the Delaware City National Bank the sum of \$500 and accrued interest due on a bond of that hundred, and the amount was charged against the road account of Appoquinimink Hundred.

The Anti-Saloon League of Maryland is planning for a "Concerted Decision" on January 28. The Ministerial Union of Baltimore issued a call to the pastors of the State to join on that date in denouncing the local option issue, the Anti-Saloon League as an agency of the federated churches in securing a state-wide local option law, and the necessity of informing the members of the Legislature of the desire for such legislation.

Next Tuesday, January 21, the examination of candidates for the Rhodes Scholarships will be held in Delaware College. These examinations will last two days and everyone must be present on Tuesday at 10 o'clock A. M. It is not necessary to go to Newark if it is more convenient for candidates to appear at the examinations held in other states. Candidates for Delaware scholarships when appearing in other states should explain their eligibility to appropriate from Delaware.

Does advertising pay, is a question that troubles the mind of many persons who do not follow up carefully the results of advertising. The same question also disturbs those who look rather for the cheapness of their advertising than the efficiency. Such persons might be interested to know that Cyrus Curtis, publisher of the *Odessa Evening Post*, spent \$50,000 to advertise just a single issue of that magazine, the Christian number, and it paid. If it pays others it will pay you.

Announcement has been made by the Pennsylvania Railroad of new regulations regarding issuing passes to employees. Hereafter an annual pass will be given to every employee who has been with the company for five years, and an annual pass for himself and wife will be given to every employee who has been with the company for ten years or longer. Trip passes will be given to those who have been with the company under five years. The number of trip passes to be carried and they will only be issued for good reasons.

Remember when you send an order for printing that the printer cannot reach up to a shelf, take down what you want and send it to you, as a merchant from whom you ordered a hat or a pair of shoes could. An order for printing involves work for the printer, and work requires time in which to do it. So give him the needed time. Don't send an order to-day and to-morrow why worry why your order has not been filled. His interest in filling your order promptly is as great as yours, and he permits no delay that can possibly be avoided if he desires to retain trade by the only method by which it can be retained—by giving satisfaction to his customers.

Mr. Clayton Buckworth, of Bridge, and Miss Ida E. Morgan, of Chesapeake City, Md., were married last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. C. Smart, pastor of Chesapeake City M. E. Church.

At the meeting of the Directors of the People's National Bank, held on Saturday last, the annual election was held and the same Board of Directors with the exception of John F. Ernest, of Sassafras, Md., to take the place of the late George F. Brady, was elected. The following gentlemen compose the Board: George M. D. Hart, President; Z. A. Pool, Vice-President; R. T. Carr, Jr., George L. Townsend, J. B. Foard, T. C. Cruikshank, J. Frank Etison, Frederick Brady, C. H. Salmon and John F. Ernest.

Says an exchange: "Every old maid knows exactly how to rear children. Every old bachelor knows all the troubles of the turbulent matrimonial sea. Every subscriber knows how to run a newspaper. Every farmer knows how a merchant should sell goods, and every merchant can see where the farmers should make more money on the farm, but after all there are rough places in the road that you will never discover until you get hold of the lines and try to drive." The same thing was said substantially by Confucius several thousand years ago. There is nothing in the world that's new.

This year Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July and Defender's Day fall on Saturday, thus giving the public four double holidays. Washington's Birthday comes on other holidays named, only in leap years. The advantage to the public of having these holidays come on Saturday so that they have two days of leisure together is obvious. In celebrating Labor Day, advantage of the principle was taken in the selection of a Monday instead of a particular day of a month. Next year Washington's Birthday falls on Monday and Defender's Day, the Fourth of July and Defender's Day on Sunday which means a Monday observance, and Christmas Day on Saturday, thereby affording the most complete trial of the double holiday possible in our calendar.

The oldest old timer is forced to acknowledge that his money can't make up a criterion for the weather that is being handed out this winter. There has been mild winters and severe winters galore to recall, but to have a season drift down to the middle of January without a snow "that you could see," and then to hear the thunder rattle and see the lightning flash just like midsummer, as it did Sunday evening, is a little too much for the old-timer's weather prophets. The storm of Sunday evening bore all the earmarks of an August storm that had been let over in some forgotten weather vault and just escaped. The rain came down in torrents, while the thunder rumbled and lightning flashed. Queer weather, admits most every body.

While passing the residence of Mr. E. S. Jones on Crawford street Saturday night, some one fired a revolver in the direction of the house, the ball passing through one of the front windows and embedding itself in the wall on the opposite side of the room. Mr. Jones' daughter, Miss Bertha, was sitting in the room at the time, but fortunately she had just left a chair sitting by the window where the ball entered. When the report of the revolver was heard, several of the residents of that section of our town, opened their front doors in time to see a crowd of young colored boys and girls running up the street, laughing, and one of them was heard to make this remark: "I wonder if he shot anyone." For several years some of the residents of Crawford street have been compelled to close their shutters on Saturday night to prevent similar accidents and we are reliably informed that it is no unusual occurrence to hear one or more revolver shots along that street during the evening, and while one of the officers claims to know two of the boys in the crowd that did the shooting, no arrests have been made, and the guilty one is not likely to be apprehended for an offense that might have caused the death of one of our young ladies. Usually the shooting occurs along this thoroughfare between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock Saturday night. Why not place an officer there for two hours, and capture some of the offenders? What say you, Mr. Commissioners?

DEATH OF WILLIAM H. DOCKERTY
After an illness of several months, William H. Dockerty, died at his home near town Friday afternoon of last week, aged 44 years. The remains were taken to the Old Union M. E. Cemetery, near Townsend, on Tuesday, for interment. Services were held in the church and were largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. G. P. Jones, assisted by Rev. F. M. Mackley, of Townsend; Rev. G. P. Smith, of Clayton, and Rev. J. A. Arters, of this town. Mr. Dockerty was a gentleman very much liked by all who knew him. He was a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., Damon Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, and Seneca Tribe, Red Men, of this town. The floral tributes were very handsome, there being several beautiful designs, and the casket was literally buried in an overflow of various kinds. He leaves a wife and three children, one son and two daughters, to mourn his death. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Wm. F. Shalcross, H. M. Pleasanton, E. W. Pleasanton, W. D. Evans, Walter Bensten and W. W. Freeman.

FOR SALE
Farm of 415 acres, about 2 miles from Chestertown, Kent Co., Md., formerly the property of the late R. T. Cochran, Esq., who had the reputation of being one of the best judges of land on the Peninsula, now tenanted by Thomas F. Faulkner.

This farm can be bought at a fair price as the present owners have moved away. For further information, apply to JESSIE L. SHEPHERD, Middletown, Del., or A. M. BEWEN, 6 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Many Pulpits Vacant
Not for many years have so many churches of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware been without rectors as at the present time. At present Georgetown, Del., Delaware City, St. Michael's, Wilmington, St. Matthew's of Wilmington and Grace Church of Brandywine, all have vacant pulpits.

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MIRIAM LESLIE'S PROPOSAL

BY HARRY IRVING HORTON

I don't care if it is unadvised, I'm going to do it. I know the man loves me, and what is leap-year for if it isn't to give girls an opportunity to help out those of the other sex who don't know how to help themselves? So here goes! He can't more than refuse, and he won't do that; but whatever the verdict, I know that he is too honorable ever to breathe a word of the affair.

When Miriam Leslie had concluded the delivery of this proposal, which had only Miriam for an attentive audience, she sat down at her desk at once and began to write the letter which she had planned the night before, after Frank Webster had left the house. She had parted from him with a smile on her lips, but the smile had lasted only long enough for the door to close upon him, and as Miriam had entered her room she had looked far from happy.

She had enjoyed Frank's call; but it had ended as unsatisfactorily as had all the others, in that words which would have made her happy, and which she believed had been almost upon his lips many times, had again remained unspoken. If the man she loved wouldn't take a hint, he must be given something brader than a hint, and when Miriam went to sleep it was with the determination to write a letter on the morrow that even a stupid man might understand. Strangely enough as she admitted to herself, the morning found mind unchanged with determination fixed to take advantage of her leap-year prerogatives.

The writer of the letter had gone over in her mind its prospective contents a number of times, and as a result her editorial revision had boiled it down until it was brief and to the point. It ran as follows:

Dear Frank—You have been coming to see me for several years, and the evenings spent together have made me think how pleasant it would be if we could go on spending them together the rest of our lives. Has the idea ever occurred to you?

MIRIAM.
Miss Leslie heard her brother pass her door, preparatory to starting for business, and she no longer waited for the ink to dry but grabbed a piece of blotting paper, and the letter was soon in the hands of her brother, who was told that it must be mailed by him when on the way to his office. The brother's departure was timely, as Miriam had begun to weaken in her determination, and as she gave him the letter she said herself: Here's where I don't get a chance to change my mind. She did, however have many changes of mind through the day, which seemed to her one of unusual length. Soon after her brother had left she was tempted to telephone to him to try to get the letter back from the post-office, but she didn't know if that would be possible, and besides the request would cause her brother to ask a good many questions which it would be awkward for her to answer, and so the request was not made.

By the afternoon mail Miriam received a letter addressed in the well-known handwriting of the young man to whom she had proposed. Is it possible that he has answered so quickly? she asked herself, as she held the envelop in her hand, fearing to open it. She had had a little experience as a writer, and knew that quick returns usually meant no sales, and her first thought was that Frank had declined the honor of being her husband. That was a mortifying thought in itself, and the continuation of the train of thought suggested by the comparison of her offer with the manuscript was not a comforting one.

She had offered herself, even as she had been wont to submit a story or poem to an editor. The only consolation she could get out of the comparison was found in the thought that she wasn't exactly placing herself on the market, as if one editor, Frank Webster by name, declined, she wouldn't offer herself to another.

When Miriam Leslie thought the postmark she was convinced that the letter had been mailed before Frank could have received her letter. With trembling fingers, this maid, who had had so much courage a few hours before, upon the envelop and read as follows:

My Dear Miriam—I see you are

often that it seems cowardly to write what I might speak; but, although many times when in your presence I have tried to say certain words, courage has always failed me. Resolutions made when alone have not been kept when I found myself by your side.

I think you know what has been in my heart for a long time, and I have occasionally felt that you cared for me; but if you have, you have never made the least attempt to help me out. I should have for given you if you had made it easier for me, and should have blessed you for having done so, and yet, after all, dear, I love you more for your womanly reserve, and have always contrasted it with the actions of your sex, who seem ever ready to say: This is so sudden! I hope, dear, that you do care enough for me, or feel that you can care enough some day, to make me the happiest man on earth. I know they all say that; but forgive my lack of originality, and remember that there is something original about my statement, as I really mean that on the day you say you will be my wife I shall be happier than anybody in this or any other neighborhood.

Don't answer this letter in a hurry, unless you can at once reply to my question: Will you be my wife? by saying: Yes. If you can send that answer I shall have no cause to complain of your haste. But I feel that I must have the right answer to my question, and if you cannot give it at once, I want you to take all the time that you need in order that you may arrive at the favorable verdict so necessary to happiness.

It is hardly necessary to say that I shall not call again before receiving your reply; but when you say the word Come! it will not take any great length of time for me to accept the welcome invitation. I hope that you will be able to say that word. Yours with love,

FRANK.
Miss Leslie's mingled feelings of misery and joy when she read the letter may be imagined. Why did I write that miserable letter? Why didn't I give him one more day after all these years? Oh, why wasn't I too sick to get up this morning? were some of the questions that the poor girl asked herself, when the feelings of misery were in control, as they were during nearly all the rest of the afternoon, the happiness which she had felt for a short time given way under the influence of the thought that she might have been happy without the loss of her self-respect.

But perhaps there is yet a chance to save it, thought Miriam as once more came to her mind that friend of mankind and womankind, the much abused and misunderstood telephone. She would try to get Frank at his office and if by any chance he had not received the letter, or had not read it if he had received it, she would make him promise to return it without reading. But she realized that the hope was a faint one, as there was almost no chance that the letter had not been received, and if he had received it—well, she would like to see him leave a letter of hers unopened for more than a minute!

And so this contradictory woman went to the telephone with a weak voice and a faint heart, hoping against hope that Frank had been away from the office, and that the letter had arrived in his absence. The reply to her inquiry for Mr. Webster gave her momentary comfort, as he was out, but when she asked further questions she learned that he had been at the office until a few minutes before the time of her telephone call.

As she hung up the receiver Miriam said to herself with a sad smile, that she wished she could hang herself as easily.

The next half hour was one of the most miserable that the girl had ever spent. She again read her lover's letter; but as end of finding any comfort for her troubles the reading only added to her misery. Her thought me so modest! But what does he think now that he has read my letter? Modern girls don't propose to men, even if the men haven't nerve enough to propose themselves.

Miriam was still in a most unhappy frame of mind when her brother returned at night from

business. He had a shame-faced look as he approached her.

I'm sorry, sis, after all you said about the importance of that letter; but—well, I've had an awful busy day of it and I forgot to mail it. Here it is.

Her arms were around his neck in an instant. You dear, darling, forgetful, absent minded brother! she cried, as he looked at her in amazement. Now that you have forgotten to mail the letter, just forget that I asked you to mail it.

And the brother, who dearly loved Miriam, and knew from her earnestness that it was important to her that he should say nothing about the letter, kept her secret faithfully. But he marveled as the days went by at her continued sweetness to him until she told him of her engagement, and then he explained the problem to himself by saying that there was nothing like requited love to change a woman's disposition. And to this day Miriam's brother believes that her happiness in loving and being loved saved him from a scolding the day he forgot to mail her letter. Miriam has been married for ten years, and in all that time has kept only one thing from her husband. That is the dark secret of the letter that her brother forgot to mail.

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